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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Applicant is advised that should claims 21-23 be found allowable, claims 24-26 will be objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate thereof. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mori (6,089,765) in view of Housel et al. (2002/0048041).

Mori teaches a print system and printer comprising:

- A job retention system (FIG. 3, printer controller 31) configured to store print-ready information corresponding to a print task (Column 3, lines 2-5 and 19-20) and to receive an input corresponding to a selected portion of the print-ready information, the print-ready information being configured for use by a printing device such that the information can be printed by the printing device without

being processed by a driver of the printing device (Column 3, lines 10-43), with regard to claims 1, 4-7, 10 and 31.

- A printing device (FIG. 3, printer 10) includes a user interface, wherein the user interface is a graphical user interface (FIG.3, LCD 18), with regard to claims 7, 8, 12, 13, 30 and 31.
- A printing device (FIG. 3, printer 10) having a memory (FIG. 3, RAM 13), the print-ready information being stored in the memory of the printing device (Column 3, lines 19-21), with regard to claims 2, 3, 11 and 27.
- Printing the selected portion of the information in the print-ready format using the printing device (Column 3, lines 26-27), with regard to claims 2.
- The job retention system (FIG. 3, printer controller 31) resides in the printing device, with regard to claim 11.
- A workstation (FIG.1, computer 20) communicatively coupled to the printing device (FIG.1, printer 10), the workstation having a driver, the driver being configured to convert information into the print-ready information a and provide the print-ready information to the painting device, the driver being further configured to provide a graphical user interface (Column 3, lines 1-9 and 56-59), with regard to claims 14 and 15.
- Means (FIG. 1, RAM 13) for storing the information in the print-ready format (Column 3, lines 30-36), with regard to claim 16.
- The means for storing the information in the print-ready format is a disk drive (Column 3, lines 37-39), with regard to claim 17.

- The disk drive is a component of the printing device (Column 3, lines 30-39), with regard to claim 18.
- The means (FIG. 1, printer driver 42) for configuring the information is associated with a driver, the driver being configured to receive information in a non-print-ready format and convert the information to the print-ready format (Column 3, lines 1-9), with regard to claims 9, 19 and 20.
- The selected portion of the print-ready information defines a page of the print task (Column 3, lines 30-32), with regard to claims 21 and 24.
- The selected portion of the print-ready information defines a range of pages of the print task (Column 3, lines 39-43), with regard to claims 22 and 25.
- Storing a collection of information in the print-ready format corresponding to a plurality of print tasks in the memory (Column 5, lines 17-64), with regard to claims 23 and 26.

However, Mori does not specifically teach the followings:

- The job retention system being further configured to enable the selected portion of the print-ready information to be printed without printing a non-selected portion of the print-ready information, and the selected portion and the non-selected portion of the print-ready information correspond to a single print task.
- A user interface being configured to enable a user to select at least a portion of the print task.

Meanwhile, Housel et al. teaches a printing system comprising:

- The printing system 26 (FIG.1) being further configured to enable the selected portion of the print task to be printed without printing a non-selected portion of the print task, and the selected portion and the non-selected portion of the print-ready information correspond to a single print task (Paragraphs 0035-0037 and 59-61), with regard to claims 1, 4-7, 10, 29, 31 and 32.
- A user interfaces (FIG.1, user interfaces 13) being configured to enable a user to select at least the portion of the print task (Paragraphs 0092 –0097), with regard to claims 9, 12, 15 and 28.

With regard to claims 1, 4-7, 10, 29, 31 and 32, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the invention of Mori to permit the user to print only a **selected portion of a print task** taught by Housel et al., since Housel et al. teaches that this structure enables the users to easily designate their desired print jobs when inputting their request commands at the printer.

With regard to claims 9, 12, 15 and 28, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the invention of Mori to incorporate the teaching of the usage of a graphical user interface since Housel et al. teaches that such an interface is beneficial for permitting a user to check the status of a the print job or jobs or to determine how the print jobs are set up.

Response to Arguments

4. In response to applicant's argument that there is no suggestion to combine the references, the examiner recognizes that obviousness can only be established by combining or modifying the

teachings of the prior art to produce the claimed invention where there is some teaching, suggestion, or motivation to do so found either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art. See *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988) and *In re Jones*, 958 F.2d 347, 21 USPQ2d 1941 (Fed. Cir. 1992). In this case, Mori teaches a printer driver that converts the print data into information in print-ready-format (Mori, column 3, lines 1-5), and Housel et al teaches a printing device that enables to select a portion of a print job (Housel et al., paragraphs 59-61). That is, Housel et al. does teach a printing device that enables to select a portion of a print job, and this portion does not need to be in print ready format that was already taught by Mori. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify Mori to permit portions of the print ready information to be selected and printed since Housel et al. teaches that enabling a selected portion of a print job to be printed is beneficial for permitting a user to more easily designate their print jobs. In response to applicant's arguments against the references individually, one cannot show nonobviousness by attacking references individually where the rejections are based on combinations of references. See *In re Keller*, 642 F.2d 413, 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA 1981); *In re Merck & Co.*, 800 F.2d 1091, 231 USPQ 375 (Fed. Cir. 1986).

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Applicant's attention is invited to the followings whose inventions disclose similar devices.

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- Porter (US 2002/0059272) teaches an apparatuses, methods, programming, and propagated signals for creating, editing, organizing and viewing collaborative databases.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoai-An D. Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 305-3343.

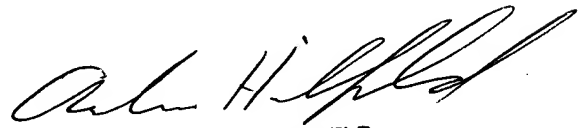
The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00 - 5:30) First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew H. Hirshfeld can be reached on (703) 305-6619. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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